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TAGS: MASS, QA

SUBJECT: QATARI REQUEST FOR 105MM ARTILLERY

REFS: (A) ATHENS 7390 (B) KUWAIT 4659

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1. DOD ADVISES THAT 105MM TOWED LIGHT HOWITZER (M102, STOCK NO. 1015-086-8164) IS AVAILABLE FROM NEW PROCUREMENT IN ABOUT 24 MONTHS AT ESTIMATED PRICE OF DOLLARS 90 THOUSAND PER UNIT. GOQ SHOULD BE AWARE THAT EACH HOWITZER REQUIRES AT LEAST A TWO-AND-ONE-HALF-TON TRUCK AS PRIME MOVER.

2. IN CONVEYING ABOVE INFORMATION TO BRIGADIER AL-ATTIYAH, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT PRIOR TO MAKING ANY ARMS SUPPLY COMMITMENTS TO THE GOQ, OR EVEN MOVING INTO DETAILED
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DISCUSSIONS WITH IT ON ARTILLERY OR OTHER POSSIBLE ITEMS,

WE WOULD NEED TO RECEIVE FORMAL CABINET-LEVEL OR AMIRI
REQUEST TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS. WE ALSO WILL BE GUIDED BY
OUR LOWER GULF ARMS POLICY WHICH IS TO AVOID INTRODUCTION
OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS IN THE AREA WHICH COULD BE DESTABILIZING
AND TO CONCENTRATE ON WEAPONS THAT PROVIDE DEFENSE AND
INTERNAL SECURITY CAPABILITIES. THUS, ALTHOUGH LIMITED

NUMBER OF 105MM'S FOR QATAR WOULD PROBABLY MEET THESE
LATTER CRITERIA, ACTUAL LETTER OF OFFER (FORM DD 1513)
WILL BE PREPARED BY DOD AND FORWARDED TO EMBASSY DOHA
FOR GOQ SIGNATURE ONLY AFTER BOTH RECEIPT OF FORMAL
REQUEST NOTED ABOVE AND ANY SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS
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